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Conemaugh Valley School District
1451 Frankstown Road
Johnstown, PA 15902
April 30, 1997

Dear Commissioner Quello:

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Sincerely,

Theresa A. Mitnik

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Anna Tuckovich

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JAMES R. QUELLO

The Honorable James Quello
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 802
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

SUNSHINE PERIOD

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Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am a school principal from Wiseburn School District in Hawthorne, CA, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

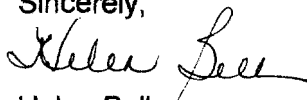
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Helen Bell
Principal, Anza Elementary School
5234 W. 120th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

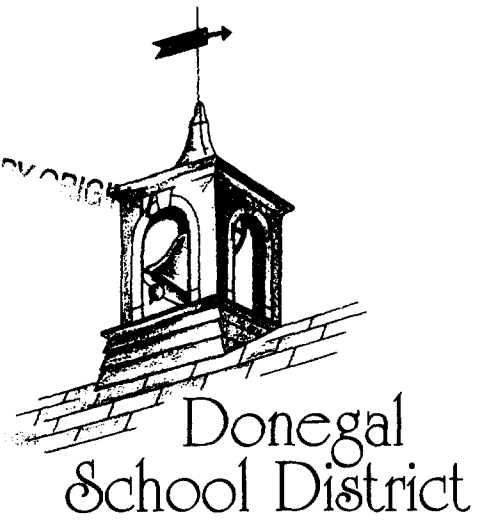
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1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
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Mount Joy, PA 17552-2700

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

SUNSHINE PERIOD

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the Business Manager of the Donegal School District, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

As the Business Manager of the district, I am a part of our organization's attempts to maintain a balanced budget that does not burden the local taxpayers while delivering a quality educational service to the local community.

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The discounts that we would receive would enable us to provide Internet access to all our students and members of our educational community. These discounts would also allow us to divert our diminishing monetary resources to the attention of our facilities and infrastructure that house our students and equipment.

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Sincerely,

DONEGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT


George W. Ioannidis
Business Manager

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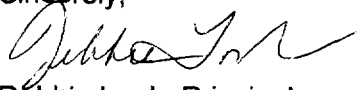
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Debbie Loob, Principal
Dana Middle School
13500 Aviation Blvd.
Hawthorne, CA 90250

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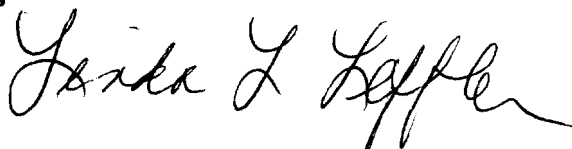
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The May Department Stores Company
Office of Legal Counsel

Frank J. Williams, Jr.
Vice President
Public Affairs

VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS AND FACSIMILE

Commissioner James E. Quello
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Quello:

My name is Frank J. Williams, Jr., and I am the Vice President of Public Affairs and Senior Counsel of The May Department Stores Company ("May"), a retail department store company with 366 stores in 30 states and the District of Columbia and over 111,000 employees. I am writing to express May's concern about the Federal Communications Commission's proposed action to establish a "Fair and Equitable Rate Charge" of \$4.50 per line per month for the first year and \$6.00 per line per month for the second year on business users of multi-line telephones. The impact of this proposed charge on companies such as May would be substantial, particularly when combined with the proposed increase in the subscriber line charge. For smaller retailers, the increase would be even more dramatic.

While May understands that the purpose of the increase in rates is to fund the wiring of schools and libraries for Internet access, we do not understand the rationale of placing such a substantial burden for such programs on businesses. The impact from the new charges on larger and smaller retailers would be in the tens of millions of dollars per year. Such increases in costs by retailers could ultimately mean increased costs to consumers, which would not create any long term benefit to the general public.

We ask that you consider the serious impact the new rates will have, not only on the business community, but on the public as a whole and that you encourage the Federal Communications Commission not to take an action which would have such a substantially negative impact on business and private citizens. If you have any questions concerning May's position on this issue, or if I can provide any additional information, please call me at (314) 342-6461.

Sincerely



Frank J. Williams, Jr.



JAMES F. BURGETT
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

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April 9, 1997

The Honorable James Quello
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the superintendent of Highland Community Unit School No. 5, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the work force of tomorrow.

We are implementing technology throughout the district and we serve as a site of technology classes offered by our local community college. The current cost of access causes us to limit our growth and development in this area. We need to experience substantial discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Burgett".
James Burgett
Supt. of Schools

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MIKE McLAUGHLIN, Ed.D.
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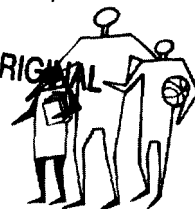
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James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 802
Washington, D.C. 20554


Dear Commissioner Quello:

I urge you and your FCC colleagues to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service to schools. I am the Superintendent of the Redding School District in Redding, California and I thank you for your interest in making sure that all schools will have affordable entry to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that the Redding School District will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet to provide student access to this valuable resource. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. Our students need your help in making sure these discounts are in place so they can enjoy the telecommunication services tomorrow.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Mike McLaughlin, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Alan Carter

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8134 Mtn. Laurel Rd.
Boonsboro, MD 21713
29 April 1997

Commissioner James H. Quello
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

As a faculty member of Springfield Middle School in Washington County, Maryland, I am writing in support of the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board.

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Dear Commissioner Quello:

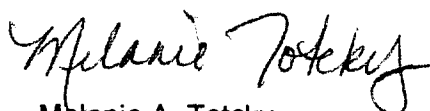
I understand that the FCC is considering a proposal to increase the business line Subscriber Line Charge and to impose a new charge, reportedly called a Federal Equitable Recovery Charge (FERC). The FERC charge is to be at least \$4.50 per line per month to support extending new telecommunications capabilities to schools, libraries and rural health care facilities. At the same time that the FCC is considering imposing these new costs on American businesses, I understand that the Commission will not take the long overdue step of bringing rates closer to the true economic cost of local access services.

I urge you not to adopt the foregoing proposals which would, in effect, impose a new tax on American businesses, regardless of whether it is characterized as a "rate re-balancing" or "modification of rate structures". The monetary burden of the \$4.50 FERC charge alone to my company would exceed \$10,000 per month.

With all due respect, I believe that the imposition of such taxes is the business of the people's representatives, not appointed officials. Nationwide educational and healthcare initiatives should be considered on a comprehensive basis by all interested authorities, not just as a telecommunications matter by the FCC.

The time for the Commission to reform its rules governing access charges, which are more than \$3 billion a year higher than they should be, is long overdue. All consumers, businesses as well as residential, deserve protection from excessive monopoly prices. The Administration's social policy agenda should be addressed in other ways and not get in the way of these reforms.

Sincerely,



Melanie A. Totcky
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James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am writing to thank you for your dedication and commitment to ensure that all schools have affordable access to the information highway. The creation of a Universal Service Fund to discount telecommunication services for every school and library in the country is the first major initiative to address the needs of our nation's students. This joint effort between the government and businesses will provide the schools with the electronic communications that will allow us to prepare our students for the workforce of tomorrow. I am very disappointed to hear that some telecommunications providers are attempting to undermine this implementation plan by drastically reducing the size of the Universal Service Fund and eliminating the guaranteed discounts for key areas such as classroom connections and Internet use. I am confident, however, that your support of the joint boards discount plan for the universal service for all schools and libraries in the nation will provide for the best educational environment for our students. Your support of this major initiative is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

William A. Hamilton, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, K-12

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The Honorable James Quello
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am an assistant superintendent from William Penn School District, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

William Penn School District is a diverse district with extremely limited resources and poor financial base. Although we have an excellent technology plan, we lack the funding to implement it. Only our high school has a connection to the internet. Your actions can help others to become connected.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries. Your decision will have a monumental effect on the education of thousands of students in the William Penn School District. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Julian T. Lopez, Ph.D.
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April 17, 1997

James Quello, Commissioner
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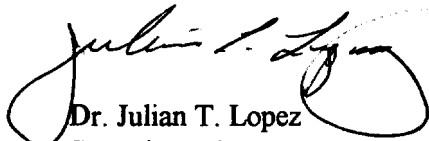
I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am the superintendent of the San Ysidro School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Dr. Julian T. Lopez
Superintendent